

FAQs: Guidance for the August Partisan Primary

Q: For paper ballots, what keeps a voter from filling out 2 ballots and inserting them in the ballot box?

A: Inspectors need to keep an eye on the ballot box for any ballots that are folded together or inserted one after the other.

Q: Will the process for the ERIC Supplemental List be the same as April?

A: Yes.

Q: When emailing a ballot, doesn't the clerk still have to initial the back of the ballot?

Therefore, an electronic ballot from the County Clerk would not be sufficient because it wouldn't have the municipal clerk's initials.

A: The municipal clerk can provide an initialed ballot for the county clerk to scan and send or the initials can be inserted into the pdf of the ballot.

Q: I just want to make sure I understand...if we use the Override function, NO votes for ANY race will be counted in the event of a crossover. So, if Joe Smith votes for Assembly in both the Republican Race and the Democratic Race (no party preference selected), and then also votes for all the other races under Republican, and we choose to use the Override function, no race would be counted...meaning any other vote cast for Senate, Sheriff, etc. would lose their votes. Correct?

A: Yes.

Q: Can they take video of what is going on inside the polling place?

A: No, only the media can take video in the polling place.

Q: Ballot candidate Chip Ahoy is marked and write-in candidate is not marked. The name is there but oval not marked. I guess I just don't understand why the Chip Ahoy would not receive the vote and the write-in not marked received the vote. Is preference always given to write-in candidate?

A: The oval does not have to be filled in in order to count a write-in vote. That's why inspectors must review the ballots after the polls close in case any votes were cast that the voting

equipment did not count. Further, write-in votes always trump ballot candidates even if the write-in vote cannot be counted.